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Chair Charles R. Hoppin
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Request for Combined Agency Panel Presentation at the Bay-Delta Plan Substitute Environmental Document Hearing that begins on March 20, 2013

Dear Mr. Hoppin:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) would like to thank the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for the opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) in Support of Potential Changes to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta Estuary: San Joaquin River Flows and Southern Delta Water Quality released on December 31, 2012. On February 15, 2013 you requested that those who wish to make joint presentations or would like more than 10 minutes at your hearing that commences on March 20, 2013 to notify you in writing so that you can plan accordingly. The Department, in coordination with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (fisheries agencies) request time for a two hour panel, composed of the four agencies. The panel proposes each agency use approximately 20 minutes for comments and 10 minutes to answer questions. In order to be as responsive as possible, the fisheries agencies will also have staff available through the end of the hearing so that the panel can be called back to address any additional questions that you may develop as you listen to other presentations and comments.

Should you have any questions please contact John Shelton at (559) 243-4014 or by email John.shelton@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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